

OLVER AND KERRY ANNOUNCE \$100,000 GRANT FOR BROWNFIELDS CLEAN-UP

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Washington - Today, Congressman John Olver (1st District) and Senator John Kerry announced that the town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, will receive \$100,000 for use in cleaning up the 8.2 acre site that was formerly a gas station. "This funding is a boost to our efforts to revitalize Berkshire county. We must address the economic challenges that face our region," said Congressman Olver. "Economic growth requires both a healthy environment and a healthy business climate," said Senator Kerry. Both Olver and Kerry wrote letters in support of the town's application to the EPA. Senator Kerry said, "The Brownfields effort represents the marriage of sound environmental policy and economic development. EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states and localities to clean up and reuse brownfields sites."

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